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India's Largest State to Boost Poultry Industry

The government of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state, has decided to accord poultry sector the status of an industry. This entitles a business to cheaper loans and certain tax concessions. While UP is among the largest consumers of poultry products, it lags behind other states in terms of self-sufficiency. Some 4000 million rupees (almost \$95 million based on the exchange rate on March 19, 1999) are spent annually purchasing poultry from other states. UP ranks ninth in the list of India's egg producing states and sixth for broiler output. Annual egg output amounts to 1113 million eggs, only 40% of total demand. Total chicken meat production at around 16,000t contrasts with a demand for 47,000t. Given this scenario, the state government is to announce a series of measures designed to promote the industry which will result in significant savings for the state.

Source: WATTNET

Retail Prices of Meat Products, December 1998 (U.S. \$/lb)

Market	Pork	Whole Chicken	Beef	Mutton
Beijing	.58	.55	.71	.84
Tianjin	.60	.62	.67	.75
Hebei	.58	.53	.69	.79
Shanx	.62	.53	.75	.77
Inner Mongolia	.63	.57	.64	.58
Liaoning	.62	.52	.71	.82
Jilin	.60	.51	.73	.86
Heilongjiang	.64	.54	.68	.63
Shanghai	.83	.69	.91	1.19
Jiangsu	.60	.46	.82	.78
Zhejiang	.63	.60	.89	1.09
Anhui	.63	.52	.70	.73
Fujian	.73	.79	.82	1.34
Jiangxi	.62	.59	.70	.82
Shandong	.59	.54	.67	.81
Henan	.58	.55	.66	.80
Hubei	.62	.63	.63	.73
Hunan	.60	.64	.71	.79
Guangdong	.74	-	.77	1.11
Guangxi	.67	.67	.68	1.01
Hainan	.68	.75	.79	1.45
Sichuan	.54	.68	.62	.64
Yunnan	.66	.87	.82	.84
Shaanxi	.61	.57	.72	.77
Gansu	.62	.59	.68	.59
Ningxia	.57	-	.71	.57
Xinjiang	.77	.59	.66	.68
Chongqing	.55	-	.60	.66
Average Price	.62	.62	.71	.81

Source: Meat Export Research Center, Iowa State University; and the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, Animal, and Veterinary Bureau

Poultry Situation and Outlook

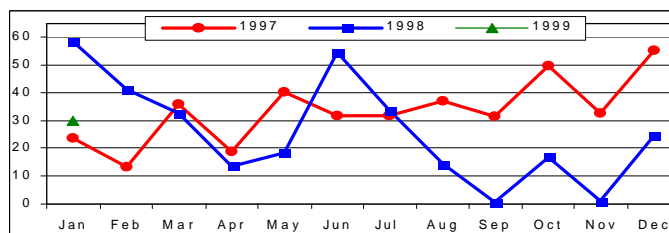
U.S. broiler exports are expected to decrease to 4.4 billion pounds in 1999 compared to 4.7 billion pounds in 1998. Decreasing exports to Russia are a major factor for the decline.

Brazil is one of the world's largest broiler exporters and continuing economic problems there have made their broilers very competitive on the world market. A weak domestic economy could also depress domestic broiler consumption, leaving more production available for export.

Exports to Russia and other NIS countries have declined sharply since September. Broiler exports to the Baltic countries and Poland will likely show year-over-year growth, but this is due to the large amounts of products imported before the Russian economic crisis began. The economic problems affecting many Asian economies have not yet affected broiler exports as shipments to Hong Kong/China and Japan will be higher in 1998. However, U.S. exports of turkey, other chicken, and eggs and egg products to these markets will be down significantly.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service

Thousand of Metric Tons of Leg Quarters Exported From the U.S. to Russia in 1997, 1998, and 1999



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Global and Asian Poultry and Egg Production

The latest figures from the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome indicate world egg production in 1998 was just under 48 million metric tons while the corresponding figure for chicken meat was 52.3mt. Egg output in Asia was 27.3mt, almost 57 percent of the world total, and chicken meat at 16.7mt was about 19 percent of the world total.

China, Japan, and the Democratic People's Republic and the Democratic Republic of Korea account for as much as 77 percent of all eggs and 58 percent of chicken meat produced in Asia. Translated globally this represents 44 percent of all eggs and 19 percent of all chicken meat.

China also accounts for 1.77 million tons of duck meat, or 70 percent of the world output totaling 2.52mt. Goose meat production in China is 1.63mt compared to a world total of 1.76mt.

Source: Poultry International, March 1999

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INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	188	190	2,515	2,442
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	41	0	99	83
Total	229	190	2,620	2,575

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	0	78	731	901
Frozen	0	0	74	99
Dried	0	0	10	11
Total	0	78	815	1,011

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	19	0	45	0
Extra Large	1,002	1,440	3,697	3,515
Large	5,798	1,328	17,806	11,508
Medium	1,632	1,032	7,621	7,640
Ungraded	690	2,363	47,459	18,438
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	9,141	6,163	76,628	41,101

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. March 19,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	14.00-15.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	-	14.50	17.00

182,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	10.00	-	9.00-13.00	10.00-13.00
WTD AVERAGE	10.00		10.90	11.89

1,078,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 13-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,060	1,241	3,301
LAST WEEK	1,928	1,348	3,276
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,690	1,205	2,895
TO-DATE/1999	21,583	13,174	34,757
TO-DATE/1998	19,906	12,698	32,604

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	456	7	463
LAST WEEK	376	17	393
SAME WEEK YR AGO	588	0	588
TO-DATE/1999	4,781	82	4,863
TO-DATE/1998	5,425	85	5,510

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,516	1,248	3,764
LAST WEEK	2,304	1,365	3,669
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,278	1,205	3,483
TO-DATE/1999	26,364	13,256	39,620
TO-DATE/1998	25,331	12,783	38,114

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. March 19,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
RANGE	14.50-17.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.98		-	

758,700 pounds, this includes 250,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	10.50-14.00	15.00	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	11.20	15.00		16.75

411,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	-	14.00	9.50-13.20	12.50-14.00
WTD AVERAGE		14.00	10.86	13.18

1,716,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	

40,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

MARCH 19, 1999

Undertone steady to barely steady on tom breast meat, hen drums steady to barely steady, tom drums and thigh meat barely steady to weak. Market steady on full-cut and hen 2-joint wings, mixed on tom 2-joint wings with most buyers resisting the lower buyer bids. Export and domestic demand light to sometimes fair. Trading centered on open priced thigh meat for export and fresh tom breast meat for domestic. For export: hen 2-joint wings (3 loads) 37 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	18.50	104	20.17	232
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104	28.50	104
TAILS		R	20.50	80	21.41	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	20	22.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	49.33	60	49.60	100

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	18.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104
TAILS	20.50		20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-50.00		49.33	60

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50		18.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104
TAILS		T	24.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	50.00	40

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.50-22.00		21.53	128
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.50	104
TAILS	24.00		24.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	50.00	40

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	20.44	71
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	104
TAILS		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.